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Washington, D.C. 20250

Re: Docket Number TM-04-07

Dear Mr. Neal:

On behalf of Mane Inc., I would like to submit the following comments with regards to 70 FR 35177 "National Organic Program, Sunset Review".

Mane Inc. is a manufacturer and supplier of organic flavorings and seasonings; we strongly support the renewal of the exemption allowing the use of non-synthetic, non-agricultural substances in organic products; the "National List".

Disallowing the use of natural ingredients, including flavorings, is contrary to the Organic Foods Production Act which prohibits the use of specific natural substances only in the event that they are harmful to health and environment or are inconsistent with organic farming or handling practices.

Renewing the exemption that permits the use of non-synthetic flavorings in organic products will allow our customers to continue to produce organic foods and beverages as currently marketed without costly revision of existing formulations.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

MANE INC.

Janet L. Aho  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Mane, Inc.